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For: **Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other
Molecules Associated with the
Methionine Synthesis and
Degradation Pathways**

Response to Restriction Requirement

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated March 22, 2001, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 5), Applicants submit the following Response.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2510.